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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: OSDF Post-Closure Care
and Inspection Plan

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) Response to Comments (RTC) on the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) Post-Closure Care and Inspection (PCCI) plan.

U.S. DOE has adequately addressed the majority of U.S. EPA's previous comments. One issue remains regarding specific comment #4. This response states that the preliminary inspection/assessment report referred to in section 8.3 will be submitted to U.S. EPA within ninety (90) days of an initial report that damage or disruption has occurred at the OSDF. This time period for submitting the report is too long, as U.S. EPA should receive the report as soon as possible after such an occurrence.

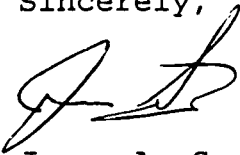
Therefore, US. EPA approves the OSDF PCCI plan responses pending revision to the above comment. U.S. DOE must submit revised pages regarding the above issue within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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